

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~percutaneously absorbable preparation~~non-aqueous patch comprising a matrix which comprises sodium diclofenac and ammonium chloride, wherein the ammonium chloride is blended at the range of from 0.5 to 10 fold (mole/mole) based on the sodium diclofenac.

2. – 3. (Cancelled).

4. – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The ~~percutaneously absorbable preparation~~patch according to claim 1, wherein the ammonium chloride is combined at the range of from 0.5 to 7 fold (mole/mole) based on the sodium diclofenac.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~percutaneously absorbable preparation~~patch according to ~~any one of claims 1, 4-5 or 7~~claim 1, which is a ~~percutaneously absorbable matrix preparation~~, wherein the sodium diclofenac and the ammonium chloride are contained in an adhesive base layer.

9. (Previously presented) The ~~percutaneously absorbable preparation~~patch according to claim 8, wherein the adhesive base layer is composed of one or more components selected from the group consisting of styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer, polyisobutylene, and acrylic adhesive.

10. (Cancelled)

11. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method for improving the percutaneous absorbability of sodium diclofenac in a non-aqueous patch comprising a matrix~~percutaneously absorbable preparation~~, the method comprising providing ammonium chloride in the ~~preparation~~patch at a range of from 0.5 to 10 fold mole/mole based on the sodium diclofenac.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein ammonium chloride is blended at a range of from 0.5 to 7 fold mole/mole based on the sodium diclofenac.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the sodium diclofenac and the ammonium chloride are contained in an adhesive base layer.

17. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein the adhesive base layer is composed of one or more components selected from the group

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| consisting than two of styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer, polyisobutylene, and acrylic adhesive.